

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3102

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

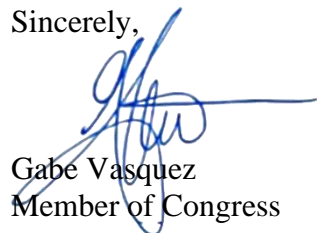
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hatch Food Pantry Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Casa de Peregrinos, located at 999 W Amador Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The funding would be used for the construction of a permanent food pantry in the rural community of Hatch, NM. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help reduce food insecurity and help low-income families access healthy meals.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gabe Vasquez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gabe Vasquez  
Member of Congress